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### Communicable Disease Report September 29, 2008

#### Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report September 17-23, 2008

##### Reportable :

3 Chlamydia  
2 Dog Bites  
1 Hepatitis C  
1 E.coli 0157

##### Non- Reportable :

22 Streptococcus  
2 Mononucleosis

#### Montana Communicable Disease Weekly Update: 09/26/08 Summary – Week 38–

Disease reports received at DPHHS during the reporting period September 14-20, 2008 included campylobacter, *E. coli* 0157, giardia, salmonella, Colorado Tick Fever and aseptic meningitis.

**Diarrhea:** We are currently investigating several PFGE clusters of gastrointestinal illness that are in multiple jurisdictions. We may call your local health department and ask them to complete a systematically administered, detailed exposure questionnaire. It is VERY important that these be completed so a thorough investigation of these inter-jurisdictional clusters can be conducted.

**Pertussis:** There is continued pertussis around the state. Now that school has started, it is important to stay vigilant about pertussis. Don't forget to send specimens for confirmatory PCR testing to the Montana Public Health Laboratory (ARM 37.114.313).

**West Nile Virus Surveillance** – There have been five reported cases of WNV in humans as of 9/30/08 (Big Horn, Cascade, Lake, Richland, and Valley Counties). For national updates go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>.

**Rabies Vaccine Availability** – All rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) requests MUST be made through MT-DPHHS Communicable Disease Epidemiology program via your local health department. Manufacturers, in collaboration with the CDC, are requiring this consultation to ensure that adequate rabies exposure risk assessments are done at the local level so that the limited supply of rabies vaccine doses for PEP are used appropriately. Information related to the current rabies vaccine supply is updated at the CDC Rabies website at: [www.cdc.gov/rabies](http://www.cdc.gov/rabies) on a regular basis.